

In Founding Principles of the United States of America and North Carolina: Civic Literacy, students examine the history, principles, and function of the political system established by the U.S. Constitution. Starting with a basic introduction to the role of government in society and the philosophies at the heart of American democracy, this course provides students with the knowledge needed to be informed and empowered participants in the U.S. and state political systems.

Through critical reading activities, feedback-rich instruction, and application-oriented assignments, students develop their capacity to conduct research, analyze sources, make arguments, and take informed action. In written assignments, students address critical questions about state and national politics and the role of individual Americans in the U.S. political system. In discussion activities, students respond to political opinions, take a position, and defend their own claims. Formative and summative assessments provide students — and teachers — with ample opportunities to check in, review, and evaluate students' progress in the course.

This course is built to North Carolina state standards.

Length: Two semesters

## UNIT 1: INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

### LESSON 1: ESSENTIAL SKILLS

#### Checkpoint: Active Reading Strategies

Learn eight important strategies for reading social studies texts.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### Study: Working with Sources

Learn appropriate methods for working with and evaluating social studies sources.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### Quiz: Working with Sources

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

#### Practice: All's Fair in Politics

Evaluate primary and secondary social studies sources for accuracy and bias.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 10 points

#### Study: Constructing Arguments

Learn how to construct arguments and use evidence from social studies sources to support claims.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### Quiz: Constructing Arguments

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

#### Practice: Argue Your Case

Gather evidence and construct an argument on whether voting matters.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

### LESSON 2: IDEAS ABOUT GOVERNMENT

#### Study: How Governments Function

Compare and contrast different forms and functions of government.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: How Governments Function**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Discuss: The Purposes of Government**

Examine the purposes of government and discuss the ways in which government influences people's lives.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Study: Types of Democracies**

Learn about the origins of democracy and differentiate between types of democracies.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Types of Democracies**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Practice: Comparing Governments**

Compare the structures, principles, and purposes of the governments of three different nation-states.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

**LESSON 3: ORIGINS OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT****Study: Inspiration for Independence**

Analyze Enlightenment ideas reflected in the Declaration of Independence.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Inspiration for Independence**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Read: Enlightened Ideas**

Analyze the writings of Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, and Baron de Montesquieu.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Study: Documents Leading to the Constitution**

Analyze the principles of government reflected in landmark historical documents that influenced the framing of the U.S. Constitution.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Early American Governments**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Read: The Declaration of Independence**

Analyze the text of the Declaration of Independence.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Practice: Examining the Founding Principles**

Compare and evaluate the ideals and principles in the Declaration of Independence and the Articles of Confederation.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

**LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT****Review: Introduction to American Government**

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Test (CS): Introduction to American Government**

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

### **Test (TS): Introduction to American Government**

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

## **UNIT 2: THE U.S. CONSTITUTION**

### **LESSON 1: ESTABLISHING THE CONSTITUTION**

#### **Study: Arguments and Compromises**

Learn about the history of the U.S. Constitution and the historical context of the Constitutional Convention.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### **Quiz: Arguments and Compromises**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

#### **Practice: The Articles of Confederation and the U.S. Constitution**

Analyze how the Constitution preserved the principles and addressed the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

#### **Study: Ratifying the Constitution**

Examine the debate between Federalists and Anti-Federalists over the ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### **Quiz: Ratifying the Constitution**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

#### **Discuss: Whose Side Are You On?**

Debate the views of Federalists and Anti-Federalists over the ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 20 points

### **LESSON 2: EXAMINING THE CONSTITUTION**

#### **Read: Reading the Constitution, Part I**

Analyze the text of the Preamble and Articles I through III of the U.S. Constitution.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### **Study: The Parts of the Constitution**

Learn about the structure and intended purposes of the U.S. Constitution.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### **Quiz: The Parts of the Constitution**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

#### **Read: Reading the Constitution, Part II**

Analyze the text of Articles IV through VII and the 27 amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### **Study: Principles of the Constitution**

Learn about the major principles that serve as a foundation for the U.S. Constitution.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### **Quiz: Principles of the Constitution**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

#### **Practice: Applying Constitutional Principles**

Evaluate how the Constitution reflects the core political principles of the U.S. government.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

## LESSON 3: FEDERALISM IN THE UNITED STATES

### Practice: An Ongoing Debate

Research and analyze the debate over how power in the United States is divided between federal and state governments.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 10 points

### Study: The Division of Powers

Learn about the powers the Constitution gives to the federal government and the powers it reserves for the states.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### Quiz: The Division of Powers

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

### Study: Federalism in Action

Examine the history of federalism in the United States, including the effects of the landmark Supreme Court case *McCulloch v. Maryland*.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### Quiz: Federalism in Action

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

### Practice: Overlapping Powers of Government

Analyze potential conflicts between federal and state governments.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

## LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

### Review: The U.S. Constitution

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### Test (CS): The U.S. Constitution

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

### Test (TS): The U.S. Constitution

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

## UNIT 3: INSTITUTIONS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

### LESSON 1: THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

#### Study: The Presidency

Examine the roles, responsibilities, and powers of the U.S. president.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### Quiz: The Presidency

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

#### Journal: The President's Power

Analyze and evaluate how the power of the American presidency has grown over time, particularly during times of war.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

#### Read: *United States v. Nixon*

Analyze the text of the Supreme Court's ruling in *United States v. Nixon*.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Study: The Federal Bureaucracy**

Learn about the structure of the federal bureaucracy and the variety of organizations it comprises.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: The Federal Bureaucracy**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Practice: Comparing Executive Organizations**

Compare the structure and responsibilities of organizations that make up the federal bureaucracy.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

**LESSON 2: THE JUDICIAL BRANCH****Study: Understanding the Federal Justice System**

Examine the structure, functions, and organization of the federal judicial system.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understanding the Federal Justice System**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Read: *Marbury v. Madison***

Read excerpts from and evaluate the influence of the landmark Supreme Court case *Marbury v. Madison*.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Study: The Supreme Court**

Analyze the structure, functions, and processes of the Supreme Court.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: The Supreme Court**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Practice: Overturning a Supreme Court Decision**

Learn how a Supreme Court decision can be overturned and explain how a current decision could be overturned.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

**LESSON 3: THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH****Study: The Setup and Powers of Congress**

Examine the structure and powers of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: The Setup and Powers of Congress**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Practice: Does Congress Look Like America?**

Examine the demographic makeup of Congress and evaluate whether it reflects the principle of popular sovereignty.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 10 points

**Study: The Legislative Process**

Examine the legislative process and learn how the federal government creates new laws.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: The Legislative Process**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Practice: Comparing the Branches**

Compare the powers and responsibilities of the three branches of the federal government.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

## LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: INSTITUTIONS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

### Review: Institutions of the Federal Government

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### Test (CS): Institutions of the Federal Government

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

### Test (TS): Institutions of the Federal Government

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

## UNIT 4: CIVIL LIBERTIES AND CIVIL RIGHTS

### LESSON 1: FOUNDATIONAL FREEDOMS

#### Journal: We Hold These Truths

Evaluate how the ideal of natural rights represented in the Declaration of Independence has been interpreted over time.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

#### Study: The Bill of Rights In Depth

Learn about the context and meaning of the amendments in the Bill of Rights.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### Quiz: The Bill of Rights In Depth

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

#### Study: First Amendment Freedoms

Examine the freedoms protected by the First Amendment and analyze how the interpretation of these freedoms has changed over time.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### Quiz: First Amendment Freedoms

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

#### Discuss: A Balancing Act

Discuss the opinions in *District of Columbia v. Heller* on the appropriate balance between individual rights and the public interest.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 20 points

### LESSON 2: INTERPRETING CIVIL LIBERTIES

#### Study: Due Process and Incorporation

Analyze due process as represented in the Fifth and Fourteenth amendments.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### Quiz: Due Process and Incorporation

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

#### Practice: Arguments Over Incorporation

Analyze Supreme Court justices' conflicting views on due process and the incorporation of the Bill of Rights.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 10 points

#### Study: Liberties in the Court

Evaluate how significant Supreme Court decisions have affected citizens' civil liberties.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### **Quiz: Liberties in the Court**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

### **Practice: Freedom of the Press in Context**

Construct an argument evaluating the Supreme Court's decision in *Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier*.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

## **LESSON 3: FIGHTING FOR CIVIL RIGHTS**

### **Journal: Liberties and Rights**

Compare the protections represented by civil liberties and civil rights and evaluate their importance in everyday life.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

### **Study: Equal Protection**

Analyze the principle of equal protection and its effect on individual rights.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### **Quiz: Equal Protection**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

### **Read: The Voting Rights Act of 1965**

Read excerpts from the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and analyze how Congress used the act to ensure African Americans were not denied their rights.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### **Study: Rights for Marginalized Groups**

Analyze the fight for civil rights in the United States and examine the role played by ordinary citizens in winning rights for marginalized groups.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### **Quiz: Rights for Marginalized Groups**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

### **Practice: The Complications of Affirmative Action**

Examine the affirmative action debate and analyze the effects of the decision in the landmark Supreme Court case *Regents of the University of California v. Bakke*.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

### **Project: Civil Rights Leaders**

Create a presentation that describes the achievements and the impact of a leader in the civil rights movements.

Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 40 points

## **LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: CIVIL LIBERTIES AND CIVIL RIGHTS**

### **Review: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights**

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### **Test (CS): Civil Liberties and Civil Rights**

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

### **Test (TS): Civil Liberties and Civil Rights**

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

## UNIT 5: SEMESTER 1 REVIEW AND EXAM

### LESSON 1: SEMESTER 1 REVIEW AND EXAM

#### Review: Semester 1 Review

Prepare for the semester exam by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### Exam: Semester 1 Exam

Take a computer-scored exam to assess what you have learned in this semester.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points

#### Final Exam: Semester 1 Exam

Take a teacher-scored exam to assess what you have learned in this semester.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points

## UNIT 6: CITIZEN CONNECTIONS

### LESSON 1: INSTITUTIONS WITH INFLUENCE

#### Study: Political Parties

Learn about the organization, role, and influence of political parties in the United States.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### Quiz: Political Parties

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

#### Read: Political Party Platforms

Read historical party platforms, and identify party positions on important issues.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### Study: Interest Groups

Analyze the role and influence of interest groups in the American political process.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### Quiz: Interest Groups

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

#### Discuss: The Power of Lobbies

Research and evaluate the influence lobbyists have on public opinion and public policy.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

#### Study: The Role of the Media

Analyze the role and influence of the media in the American political process.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### Quiz: The Role of the Media

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

#### Practice: Leveraging Your Links

Select a civic issue, identify a political party or interest group that agrees with your position, and outline a media plan to accomplish your goal.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

### LESSON 2: ELECTIONS AND CAMPAIGNS

#### Study: How Elections Work

Learn about the election process at various levels of U.S. government.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points



**Quiz: How Elections Work**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Journal: Campaign Finance and *Citizens United***

Write about the debates over campaign finance reform.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Study: The Race for the Presidency**

Analyze the processes of a presidential election, including the function of the Electoral College.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: The Race for the Presidency**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Discuss: Should the Electoral College Be Eliminated?**

Examine the debate over the Electoral College and construct your own argument about whether the institution should be eliminated.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Practice: A Hidden Factor**

Analyze how reapportionment and redistricting are used to achieve political goals.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

**LESSON 3: STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT****Study: State Governments and How They Work**

Learn about the functions, organization, and influence of governments at the state level.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: State Governments and How They Work**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: Government at the Local Level**

Learn about the functions, organization, and influence of governments at the local level.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Government at the Local Level**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Journal: Levels of Government**

Reflect on how different levels of government address issues in primary and secondary education.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Practice: Taking Action in Your State**

Research and evaluate different options for resolving a labor or employment issue at the state level.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

**LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: CITIZEN CONNECTIONS****Review: Citizen Connections**

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Test (CS): Citizen Connections**

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 36 points

### **Test (TS): Citizen Connections**

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

## **UNIT 7: THE LEGAL SYSTEM**

### **LESSON 1: LAWS AND JUSTICE IN THE UNITED STATES**

#### **Journal: Why Do We Have Laws?**

Explain the purpose of laws and why laws are necessary.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

#### **Study: Laws and Justice in the United States**

Learn about the purpose of laws in the United States, how laws are enforced, and the consequences for people who are found guilty of violating laws.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### **Quiz: Laws and Justice in the United States**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

#### **Study: State and Local Courts**

Learn about the structures and responsibilities of the judicial system at the state and local levels.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### **Quiz: State and Local Courts**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

### **LESSON 2: CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

#### **Study: The Criminal Justice System**

Learn about adult and juvenile criminal justice systems in the United States.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### **Quiz: The Criminal Justice System**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

#### **Read: Analyzing a Case in the Juvenile Justice System**

Read a court opinion, identify its main parts, and summarize its important details.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### **Practice: Trials in the United States**

Create a hypothetical court case that explains the criminal trial process.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 10 points

### **LESSON 3: CIVIL JUSTICE**

#### **Study: The Civil Justice System**

Learn about the civil justice system in the United States.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### **Quiz: The Civil Justice System**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

#### **Discuss: Settling Legal Disputes**

Provide an opinion about why most cases in the civil justice system are settled out of court.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

#### **Practice: Comparing Civil and Criminal Cases**

Compare the processes of civil and criminal cases.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 10 points

## LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: THE LEGAL SYSTEM

### Review: The Legal System

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### Test (CS): The Legal System

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

### Test (TS): The Legal System

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

## UNIT 8: PUBLIC POLICY

### LESSON 1: UNDERSTANDING PUBLIC POLICY

#### Study: Introduction to Public Policy

Examine how public policy is created and implemented at different levels of government.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### Quiz: Introduction to Public Policy

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

#### Discuss: What's Your Policy on Policy?

Consider the policy positions of the Democratic and Republican parties and define your own views on policy.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

#### Practice: A Case Study

Research and evaluate the environmental policies of two presidents.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

### LESSON 2: DOMESTIC POLICY

#### Study: Social Policy

Examine significant issues in social policy and analyze how these issues reflect national values and principles.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### Quiz: Social Policy

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

#### Practice: The Controversy Over Health Care

Examine and take a position on the debate over the government's role in health care.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 20 points

#### Discuss: Debating Entitlements

Offer an opinion about the debate over entitlements.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 20 points

#### Study: Land Use and Environmental Policy

Learn about city government land use planning strategies and environmental policies.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### Quiz: Land Use and Environmental Policy

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

## LESSON 3: ECONOMIC POLICY

### Study: Government and the Economy

Learn about basic economic concepts and about the economic system of the United States.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### Quiz: Government and the Economy

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

### Study: Economic Policy

Learn about U.S. fiscal and monetary policies and how they affect the American economy.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### Quiz: Economic Policy

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

### Discuss: The Government's Economic Role

Debate the role the government should play in managing and influencing the economy.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

### Practice: The Effectiveness of Fiscal Policy

Evaluate the effectiveness of U.S. fiscal policy.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

## LESSON 4: FOREIGN POLICY

### Study: The Workings of U.S. Foreign Policy

Learn about the governmental roles and structures involved in creating and implementing U.S. foreign policy.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### Quiz: The Workings of U.S. Foreign Policy

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

### Read: The UN Charter

Read excerpts from the UN Charter and identify its purpose.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### Practice: International Organizations

Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of U.S. involvement in international organizations.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 10 points

### Study: The United States in the World

Examine U.S. foreign policy influences and assess how U.S. foreign policy affects other countries.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### Quiz: The United States in the World

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

### Practice: Assessing Our Goals

Analyze major foreign policy goals and write an argumentative essay stating which goal you feel should be the top priority for U.S. foreign policy in the coming years.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

## LESSON 5: WRAP-UP: PUBLIC POLICY

### Review: Public Policy

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Test (CS): Public Policy**

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

**Test (TS): Public Policy**

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

## UNIT 9: CIVIC AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

### LESSON 1: THE ROLE OF CITIZENS

**Study: American Citizenship**

Examine the processes by which different categories of people become U.S. citizens and evaluate how the constitutional definition of citizenship has changed over time.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: American Citizenship**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: The Obligations of a Citizen**

Examine the obligations and responsibilities of U.S. citizens and evaluate the importance of civic participation.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: The Obligations of a Citizen**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Practice: Do We Earn Our Rights?**

Analyze the civic responsibilities and duties associated with exercising one's individual rights.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

### LESSON 2: VOTING

**Study: Voting Rights in the United States**

Learn the ways in which voting rights in the United States have expanded and changed over time.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Voting Rights in the United States**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Practice: Becoming a Voter**

Research how someone registers to vote in your state.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 10 points

**Study: Informed Voting**

Learn about the importance of voting in the democratic process and what it takes to become an informed voter.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Informed Voting**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Practice: Voter Turnout and Its Effects**

Analyze the role voter turnout plays in electing officials at the federal level.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

### LESSON 3: FURTHER POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

**Journal: Your Political Beliefs**

Reflect on how your political beliefs have been formed.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

### **Study: Methods of Participation**

Analyze methods of political participation beyond voting.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### **Quiz: Methods of Participation**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

### **Practice: People Power**

Evaluate a successful citizen effort to influence government policy and explain what made it successful.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 10 points

### **Project: Making a Difference**

Compose a letter to a government official advocating a position on an important political or public policy issue that you have researched and evaluated.

Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 40 points

## **LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: CIVIC AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION**

### **Review: Civic and Political Participation**

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### **Test (CS): Civic and Political Participation**

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

### **Test (TS): Civic and Political Participation**

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

## **UNIT 10: SEMESTER 2 REVIEW AND EXAM**

### **LESSON 1: SEMESTER 2 REVIEW AND EXAM**

#### **Review: Semester 2 Review**

Prepare for the semester exam by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### **Exam: Semester 2 Exam**

Take a computer-scored exam to assess what you have learned in this semester.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points

#### **Final Exam: Semester 2 Exam**

Take a teacher-scored exam to assess what you have learned in this semester.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points